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1. IN DISCUSSING INTENDED GOS RECOGNITION OF DPRK WITH  
SWISS FONOFF, EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS.

2. USG FULLY UNDERSTANDS AND RESPECTS SWISS DOCTRINE  
OF NEUTRALITY AND UNIVERSAL RECOGNITION. AT SAME TIME  
WE BELIEVE THAT AN EVEN-HANDED TREATMENT OF TWO KOREAN  
PARTIES BY ALL NATIONS IS ESSENTIAL TO RESOLUTION OF  
KOREAN ISSUES AND STABILITY ON KOREAN PENINSULA.  
UNFORTUNATELY, THERE HAS BEEN A MARKED TREND BY NON-  
COMMUNIST STATES TO RECOGNIZE NORTH KOREA WHILE THERE HAS  
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BEEN NO CORRESPONDING RECIPROCITY BY ALLIES OF DPRK TO

ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH SOUTH KOREA.

3. GOS COULD MAKE MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO CAUSE OF STABILITY ON KOREAN PENINSULA BY INFORMING NORTH KOREANS THAT, WHILE SWISS WILLING TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH DPRK, THIS SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN PARALLEL WITH COMPARABLE MOTION BY FRIENDS OF NORTH TOWARD SOUTH KOREA. WHILE EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE RECIPROCAL ACTION BY OTHER SIDE HAVE BEEN WITHOUT EFFECT

SO FAR, WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THIS ARGUMENT CONTINUE TO BE MADE.

4. GOS RECOGNITION OF DPRK APPEARS CERTAIN TO HAVE ADVERSE EFFECT ON ROK INTERESTS. THIS IS ESPECIALLY SO BECAUSE OF TWENTY YEARS OF SWISS PARTICIPATION IN NEUTRAL NATIONS SUPERVISORY COMMISSION (NNSC). OF FOUR NNSC MEMBERS, ONLY SWEDEN HAS EQUAL RELATIONS WITH NORTH AND SOUTH. SWISS RECOGNITION OF DPRK WITHOUT RECOGNITION OF ROK BY POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA WOULD BE PARTICULARLY UNFORTUNATE FOR THIS REASON. GOS SHOULD CONSIDER APPROACH TO PRAGUE AND WARSAW ON THIS QUESTION BEFORE UNILATERALLY RECOGNIZING DPRK.

5. WHILE MOST WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE ROK, ONLY DENMARK, FINLAND, ICELAND, MALTA, NORWAY AND SWEDEN HAVE RECOGNIZED NORTH KOREA. BALANCE OF EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ARE RESOLVED IN THEIR DETERMINATION NOT TO MOVE IN DIRECTION OF NORTH UNTIL THERE IS SOME MOVEMENT TOWARD SOUTH BY OTHER SIDE. WE WOULD HOPE THAT SWITZERLAND WOULD BE ABLE TO RESOLVE LIKEWISE.

6. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY UK THAT THEY ARE MAKING DEMARCHES TO ENCOURAGE RECOGNITION OF SEOUL IN SEVERAL EASTERN EUROPEAN AND AFRICAN CAPITALS WHICH RECOGNIZE NORTH KOREA BUT NOT ROK. YOU SHOULD INFORM SWISS OF THIS AS EXAMPLE OF POSITION WHICH WE HOPE GOS WILL ADOPT TOWARDS DPRK. KISSINGER

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